

Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 13-20 remain pending. By the foregoing amendment, non-elected claims 8-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1 and 4 have been amended to change "inflation tube" to "air injector" to address an antecedent basis issue raised in the July 21, 2005 Board decision at footnote 1. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, and 16-20 also have been amended to better define the invention. No new matter is added.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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